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SUBJECT: PHILIP AGEE ALLEGATIONS HEADLINED BY JAMAICAN PRESS

1. AGEE'S SEPTEMBER 16 ALLEGATION THAT NUMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF HERE ARE CIA AGENTS WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE EVENING SEPTEMBER 16, AND IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS. BOTH DAILY GLEANER AND DAILY NEWS (PAPERS WITH WIDEST DISTRIBUTION AND READERSHIP IN JAMAICA) GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE. NO MEDIA HAVE YET IDENTIFIED BY NAME THOSE NAMED BY AGEE. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT DAILY NEWS STORY -- THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE YET TO APPEAR. THREE INCH HEADLINE IS "AGEE PULLS COVER OFF EMBASSY STAFF - 9 HERE NAMED AS CIA AGENTS."

2. BEGIN TEXT. FORMER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) OPERATOR PHILIP AGEE YESTERDAY NAMED NINE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY STAFF IN KINGSTON WHO HE SAID WERE AGENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION.

AGEE ALSO NAMED TWO OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS WORKING IN JAMAICA WHO HE SAID COULD BE INVOLVED IN WORK FOR THE CIA.

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AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE SOCIAL ACTION CENTRE IN ST. ANDREW YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AGEE IDENTIFIED THE CIA OPERATORS HERE.

THE EMBASSY ATTACHE WHOM HE SAID WAS THE CIA CHIEF OF STATION AND HIS WIFE WHO IS A SECRETARY; THE EMBASSY'S SECOND SECRETARY AND CONSUL HE NAMED AS DEPUTY CIA CHIEF OF STATION; THE CONSULAR OFFICER, THE THIRD SECRETARY AND VICE CONSUL, AND THE ASSISTANT ATTACHE, WERE NAMED AS CIA OPERATIONS OFFICERS.

OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL NAMED WAS CLASSIFIED AS BEING TWO CIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS AND A SECRETARY.

AGEE GAVE THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION.

THE FORMER AGENT SAID ALSO THAT A US EMBASSY DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WAS LIKELY ALSO TO BE A CIA OPERATIONS OFFICER AS THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT COVER IS OFTEN USED BY THE AGENCY, AND THAT THE EMBASSY'S FIRST SECRETARY WAS THE MOST LIKELY OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF TO ASSIST THE CIA AS EMBASSY STAFF OFTEN DO.

AGEE TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AS A CIA AGENT HE HAD WORKED WITH THE ATTACHE HERE IN GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR, AND THAT THE ATTACHE AND TWO OF THE OTHER OPERATIONS OFFICERS WHICH HE NAMED "ARRIVED IN KINGSTON DURING THE MIDDLE AND LATTER PART OF LAST YEAR PRIOR TO THE INITIATION OF VIOLENCE".

"ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE CIA OFFICE IN KINGSTON HAS INCREASED ITS COMPLEMENT OF OPERATIONS OFFICERS FROM THREE IN 1971 TO FIVE AT THIS TIME - A VERY SIGNIFICANT BUILD-UP FOR THE CIA IN ANY COUNTRY", AGEE SAID YESTERDAY.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE NAMES OF THE AGENCY'S OPERATIVES IN JAMAICA HAD NOT BEEN ARRIVED AT THROUGH SECRET FILES, BUT BY CHECKING A LIST OF ALL US MISSION PERSONNEL, A LOCAL DIPLOMATIC LIST AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S FOREIGN SERVICE LIST.

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OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, RATHER THAN FOREIGN SERVICE RESERVE OFFICER WHO WERE CIA OPERATORS, AGEE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE LIST OF THE ELEVEN NAMES WAS ONLY PARTIAL, AND THAT CIA OPERATORS COULD WORK IN JAMAICA AS BUSINESS AND RETIRED PEOPLE, TOURISTS, AND IN ANY CAPACITY OTHER THAN THAT OF A MEMBER OF AN OFFICIAL MISSION.

THE LIST PROVIDED BY THE FORMER AGENT SAID CHIEF OF STATION AND TWO OTHERS NAMED ALL HAD PREVIOUS CIA EXPERIENCE IN SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

AGEE'S EXPOSE OF THE CIA ENTITLED "INSIDE THE COMPANY", IS BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCES WORKING FOR THE CIA IN LATIN AMERICA.

HE SAID ALSO THAT THE EMBASSY'S FIRST SECRETARY WAS IN 1974 EXPELLED FROM SIERRA LEONE FOR INTERFERENCE IN THAT COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

CONTACTED BY THE DAILY NEWS YESTERDAY AFTER THE DISCLOSURE MADE BY AGEE, THE UNITED STATES OFFICIAL MISSION IN KINGSTON REFUSED TO VERIFY OR DENY THE FORMER AGENT'S CHARGES.

"IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOT TO COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF THIS KIND". EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER JOHN SANDSTROM SAID.
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